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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PINOCHET-VELASCO MEETING

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1. PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY AUGUSTO ZIMMERMANN RETURNED FROM ARICA FEBRUARY 9 AND TOLD NEWSMEN THAT HIS TRIP SEVED TO "DEFLATE" INTERNATIONALLY-SPREAD RUMORS OF DISCORD AND POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. ZIMMERMANN STATED THAT CHILEAN PRESIDENT PINOCHET TOLD HIM THAT A CONFRONTATION CAUSED BY ANY LATIN AMERICAN LEADER WOULD BE MADNESS.

2. WHEN REFERRING TO THE PLANNED MEETING BETWEEN CHILEAN PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND VELASCO, ZIMMERMANN APPEARED TO BE LESS AFFIRMATIVE THAN WHEN HE LEFT LIMA. THIS TIME HE TERMED THE MEETING AN "OPEN POSSIBILITY" THAT HAS NOT YET TAKEN PLACE BECAUSE IT DEPENDS ON PRESIDENT VELASCO BEING ABLE TO LEAVE LIMA. COMMENT: ZIMMERMANN HAS STATED LAST WEEK THAT IT WAS WORK AND NOT HEALTH KEEPING VELASCO IN LIMA. RECENT CIVIL DISTURBANCES HERE WILL ONLY INCREASE VELASCO'S WORKLOAD AND POSSIBLY HIS RELUCTANCE TO LEAVE LIMA.
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